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PSC TO HOLD ROUNDTABLE ON ELECTRIC UTILITY STORM OUTAGE PLANNING, RESTORATION AND GENERAL SERVICE RELIABILITY

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold an electric utility roundtable in **Jefferson City on Friday, June 1, 2007**, to share information on and discuss statewide electric utility storm outage planning, service restoration, and general service reliability.

Roundtable attendees will include representatives of Missouri's electric utilities, consumer organizations, industry technical experts along with PSC staff and other interested parties. The roundtable is open to the public and will be held from **9:30 am until 4 p.m. in the 4th Floor Ballroom of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City.**

"This roundtable gives us an opportunity to have an open discussion on a number of important topics related to planning for major storms and then restoring service after a storm hits," said Warren Wood, PSC Utility Operations Director. "We will be looking at how recent storms in Missouri impacted the electric system; how service was restored; vegetation and infrastructure inspection and maintenance programs; and what lessons can be learned from these events."

Other topics to be discussed include: what customers expect prior to and following major storms; keeping all stakeholders in the loop regarding storm outage planning and restoration efforts; and the major elements of an emergency response plan.

"Major storms in recent years have taught us some lessons. We expect to receive a lot of information that will be beneficial to all stakeholders in planning for future storms and restoring service to customers as quickly as possible," Wood said.

A copy of the roundtable topics and a list of speakers appear with this release.

Electric Utility
Storm Outage Planning and Restoration &
General Service Reliability

June 1, 2007 - 9:30 to 4:00

Governor Office Bldg., 4th Floor Ballroom, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, MO

9:00 Registration Opens

9:30 Opening Remarks & Introductions

Chairman Jeff Davis, MoPSC

Warren Wood, Utility Operations Director, MoPSC Staff

Storm Outage Planning and Restoration

10:00 Recent Major Storms in Missouri – How They Impacted the Electric System

Rob Land, Director of Risk Management & Training for Associated Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

10:25 What Customers Expect Prior to and Following Major Storms

Christina Baker, The Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) &

Mike Dandino, The Office of the Public Counsel (OPC)

10:50 The Major Elements of an Emergency Restoration Plan (ERP)

Dave Wakeman, Manager of Distribution Operations for Ameren

11:15 The Restoration Effort – What Worked & Future “Opportunities”

Martin Penning, Director of Operations for Empire &

Sam McGarrah, Director of Engineering and Line Services for Empire

11:40 Lunch on Your Own

1:00 Keeping All the Stakeholders in the Loop

Steve Moody, Operations Branch Chief for State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)

1:25 Open Discussion/Question Period

1:45 Break

General Service Reliability

2:00 What is General Service Reliability & How is it Measured?

Mike Taylor, Energy Department Engineer for MoPSC Staff

2:25 Vegetation Management Programs – Structures & Objectives

Jeff Wolf, Director of Resource Management for Kansas City Power & Light (KCP&L)

2:50 Reclosers, Tap Fuses, and Sectionalizing Devices

Jerry Josken, Regional Power Systems Engineer for Cooper Power Systems

3:15 Infrastructure Inspection – Poles, Circuits & Devices

Jim McBee, Sr. Distribution Planning Engineer for Aquila

3:40 Open Discussion/Question Period

4:00 Adjourn